

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 2-3.157 and 34-18.49 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.157 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.157. City of Chicago School District 299 reports.

8 (a) The State Board of Education shall prepare a report on
9 the practices and trends in the operations of City of Chicago
10 School District 299 with respect to the impact of charter
11 school enrollment on the operation of the school district. The
12 State Board of Education shall gather data regarding student
13 enrollment and placement policies, disciplinary procedures,
14 programs for special education, English Language Learners
15 (ELL), and any other relevant student needs for each public
16 school in the district, including charter schools. The report
17 shall specifically identify any policies that give schools
18 latitude to discourage attendance of students or that would
19 create barriers for any students to attend. In addition, the
20 State Board of Education shall gather data on mobility,
21 attendance rates, graduation rates, and incoming and outgoing
22 transfers at each grade level for each public school in the
23 district, including charter schools. The report shall identify

1 the extent to which transfers from charter schools to other
2 schools occur before or after any deadlines related to funding.
3 The report shall identify the extent to which charter schools
4 accept transfers into the school at each grade level, as
5 compared to transfers out. The report shall compare charter
6 school enrollment by race, disability, income, and ELL status
7 to other charter and traditional public schools in the
8 district. The report shall compare the instructional programs,
9 methods, and instructional materials of each public school in
10 the district, including charter schools.

11 The district shall comply with all requests for information
12 made by the State Board of Education necessary for the State
13 Board of Education to prepare this report.

14 The State Board of Education shall file copies of this
15 report as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly
16 Organization Act.

17 (b) The State Board of Education shall prepare a report on
18 the impact of school actions, such as school closures and
19 school turnarounds, on the practices and trends in the
20 operation of City of Chicago School District 299. The report
21 shall include all of the following:

22 (1) A community analysis that includes current and
23 projected demographics, land usage, transportation plans,
24 residential housing and commercial development, private
25 school plans for water and sewage expansion or
26 redevelopment, and institutions of higher education.

1 (2) A description of the district's guiding
2 educational principles and standards.

3 (3) A description of the types of instructional
4 programs or services delivered at each school.

5 (4) The enrollment capacity of each school and its rate
6 of utilization.

7 (5) A report on the assessment of individual building
8 and site conditions.

9 (6) A data table with historical and projected
10 enrollment data by school and by grade.

11 (7) An analysis of facility needs and requirements of
12 the district.

13 (8) Identification of potential sources of funding for
14 the implementation of the district's Educational Facility
15 Master Plan.

16 The report shall also include identification of all
17 external firms and agencies contracted to aid the district in
18 performing school actions and transitions. The firms and
19 agencies shall disclose financial interests, fees paid by the
20 district, and any and all relationships it holds with any
21 member of the school board or city council.

22 The district shall comply with all requests for information
23 made by the State Board of Education necessary for the State
24 Board of Education to prepare this report.

25 The State Board of Education shall file copies of this
26 report as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly

1 Organization Act.

2 (c) The State Board of Education shall prepare a report on
3 the impact of standardized testing on the operations and
4 practices of City of Chicago School District 299. The report
5 shall include the amount of time educators prepare for tests,
6 administer tests, and analyze results. The report shall also
7 include the amount of money spent on procuring standardized
8 tests. The report shall include the number of tests given to
9 students and the frequency of tests at each grade level and at
10 each school in the district. The report shall include financial
11 disclosures by the company or firm that owns the tests and
12 preparation materials that include any prior relationships
13 with the district or agents of the district. The report shall
14 compare the frequency of tests given to students in schools
15 that have charters approved by the district and other district
16 schools.

17 The report shall be completed and made available to the
18 public each year on or before July 31. If the district does not
19 make available all information requested by the State Board of
20 Education necessary for the State Board of Education to prepare
21 this report, the State Board of Education, in an administrative
22 proceeding, shall impose a civil penalty on the district equal
23 to \$2,900 for every day the information is unavailable after
24 the July 31 report date. The Attorney General may bring an
25 action in circuit court to enforce the collection of any
26 monetary penalty imposed.

1 (d) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules
2 necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this Section.

3 (e) The State Board of Education may enter into contracts
4 to fulfill the requirements of this Section.

5 (f) City of Chicago School District 299 is responsible for
6 all costs associated with the reports required in this Section.

7 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.49 new)

8 Sec. 34-18.49. Statement of revenues and in-kind services.
9 The district shall create a statement of revenues and in-kind
10 services it receives. The statement shall also include the
11 value of any in-kind services, payments to third parties, or
12 other supports from the district to its charter schools. Any
13 support for marketing or recruiting activities, sharing of
14 lists of students, or other services must be reported as well.
15 The statement must be made available to the public.